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SUBJECT: PROPOSALS ON ASSETS FORMATION FOR GERMAN WORKERS

1. LEADING US CHEMICAL FIRM WHICH IS CONSIDERING SUBSTANTIAL DIRECT INVESTMENT FRG HAS APPROACHED DEPT RE VARIOUS SCHEMES REPORTEDLY NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION TO PROVIDE FOR ASSET FORMATION BY GERMAN EMPLOYEES. ONE SUCH PROPOSAL, FOR INSTANCE, WOULD REQUIRE COMPANY TO DEPOSIT SHARE OF PROFITS

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INTO EQUITY PARTICIPATION FUND SO THAT OVER 17-YEAR PERIOD

25 PERCENT OF OWNERSHIP WOULD PASS TO PLANT'S EMPLOYEES.  
COMPANY FEARS GRADUAL TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP TO WORKERS AND  
REFERS TO SCHEME AS QUOTE CREEPING EXPROPRIATION UNQUOTE.

2. FOR COMPANY CONCERNED (AND PERHAPS OTHERS), THIS IS  
MAJOR FACTOR ENTERING INTO DECISION WHETHER TO GO AHEAD  
WITH ESTABLISHMENT GERMAN SUBSIDIARY. FIRM HAS ASKED DEPT  
TO ELICIT EMBASSY VIEWS AND JUDGMENT AS TO LIKELIHOOD IM-  
PLEMENTATION SUCH ASSET-FORMATION SCHEMES AND APPROXIMATE  
TIME-SPAN BEFORE THEY WOULD TAKE EFFECT.

3. AS DEVELOPMENT WHICH COULD SIGNIFICANTLY RESTRICT AND  
AFFECT AMERICAN INVESTMENT IN FRG, CONTEMPLATED ASSET FORMA-  
TION PROPOSALS ARE MATTER OF KEEN AND CONTINUING INTEREST  
TO US GOVERNMENT. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDRESSEE  
COMMENTS RE ABOVE THAT COULD APPROPRIATELY BE PASSED TO  
INTERESTED COMPANIES ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. ROGERS

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